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. IN A HOLLOW OF THE HILLS: A splandid serial of California life by Bret Harte, the famous and popular novelist-A Story dealing in his old-time way with road agents, night adventures in a forest, mine discoveries and earthquakes-An attractive Lye tale, in which the original actor will live as one of quakes—An attractive leve tale, in which the principal actor will live as one of the neblest and most lov able charac-ters in all the fiction of Bret Harte's authorship—This serial will commence in The Southay lice published August 11—Watch for it.

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A NEW SERIAL STORY.

Can't we have a few more doctors from outside towns to help settle this purely local matter?

That water in Colorado would be irrigation reservoirs instead of in the shape of a cloudburst.

apparatus is still in good repair the free by military force? silver cause is yet safe.

This is a growing country. Mount have grown nearly 2,000 feet at one revised computation of its height.

The police commission controversy only brief document issued relating to the squabble.

Apparently Senator Corman has not yet been successfully read out of the straight democratic organs to the contrary notwithstanding.

Phil Winter has endorsed the man who was indicted in 1887 for grand larceny by an Iowa grand jury. Somebody with a grand larceny record will presently endorse Phil.

Tattooed Tom seems to imagine that he was not defeated for governor last fall and that he is charged with the appointment of the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

There is a call for the great World Herald sleuth who had Barrett Scott abducted by his friends and who made Seljan carry his own dead body to the river to go to Chicago and unrayel the Holmes murder mystery.

Some members of that conneil judiciary committee apparently imagine that they were instructed by the council to inves tigate the conduct of private citizens who desire the most efficient police protection that Omaha can get.

That settles it. Russell's laudation of the late legislature as made up of men who would spurn even the suggestion of bribery must have had good foundation. If Timme could not be bought none of the eminent legislative statesmen could.

build an electric car line through the Garden of the Gods out in Colorado. This is desceration. Think of Gods waiting for a street car to take them home! The proposition can never be entertained.

There are more ways than one to skin a cat, and there are more ways than one for Germany to exclude importa- war was averted without the firing of tions of American meats. If Germany wants to shut out the American meat producer why doesn't it do so without beating around the bush?

In the death of Prof. Heinrich von Sybel, the great German historian, the world loses another of its historical of the existing treaty stipulations with of being connected or in sympathy with students who have made a name by their thorough and successful work | leges. This is a matter for congress to The really great historiens who still deal with. It must not be assumed that to the amount of \$25,600, a sum that He are now very few, indeed, in num- in this trouble the red men are wholly

Speaker Crisp is hobnobbing with Speaker Gully of the British House of Commons. But he is keeping mum at the different banquets and dinners that are being tendered him. He remembers too well the lesson of Postmaster General Wilson's London banquet speech.

The increase of national bank notes that the national banks are experiencing think they can turn the money to profit able use.

of which it has had due notice,

these certificates were procured, or by this. what process the so-called commissioners were selected, the conneil voted to approve their bonds and directed city officials to recognize their authority.

What Judge Hopewell's course will be in the premises we have no means of knowing. The occasion certainly alls for some action on his part that will make this council and all future councils respect the orders of the courts.

FIVE THOUSAND MEN IN ARMS. CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 1 .- John C. Thompon, Editor American, Omaha: We can fornish 5,000 armed Americans to put down law-breakers in your city at a moment's J. W. DIXON. notice.

This lucid announcement was given a conspicuous place on the front page of the World-Herald, although really a private message directed to the editor of he acknowledged organ of the radical faction of the A. P. A.'s known as the howling dervishes, for whom the World Herald has become chief mouthpiece In the face of this bombastic announcement of an impending invasion by an armed force the shricks of this newspaper against law deliance and law breaking must impress intelligent men better appreciated if it came stored in as decidedly hypocritical. How can these 5,000 armed Orangemen in buckram enter Nebraska to enforce law when their very importation is a breach Senator Stewart of Nevada has dis- of the law and would force the governor. located his knee cap, but as his talking and president, if need be, to expel them How does it come that the Chicago

dervishes are arming for a fray in Nebraska? Have they been summoned Adams out in Washington seems to by Council 125 to hold themselves ready to march with gatling guns and rifles on a moment's notice from that loyal American citizen, ex-Confed. Captain Covell, and his law partner, A. S. is proline of open letters of prodigious Churchill? How does it come that length. The mayor's proclamation is the Johnny Thompson's private advices are at the disposal of the alleged organ of Nebraska democracy, which has repeatedly asserted that it is opposed to all secret political orders in general and the A. P. A.'s in particular? Can it be that democratic party, a great many so-called these 5,000 embattled Americans from Canada have secured a special permit from Judge Cunningham R. Scott to invade Nebraska with arms and ammunition under pretense that the dignity of the laws must be maintained with bayonets and bullets? How can General Dixon's offer of troops be reconciled with General Churchill's assurances that there is no indication or talk about possible disturbance?

Will Colonel G. M. Hitchcock, who is eputed to be a member of the oathbound order, please enlighten an anxious community?

THE TROUBLE ENDED.

The Indian trouble in Wyoming is at in end for the present season and doubtless peace will prevail in the region where the disturbance occurred for at least another year. This result fully cindicates the action of the federal auhorities in ordering a military force to the scene of trouble. There can be no doubt that it was the intention of the Indians to make a determined stand against the whites for the maintenance of what the red men believe to be their treaty rights as to hunting, and the whites, being equally determined to resist what they claimed to be the unlawful invasion of the Indians, serious bloodshed could not have been averted except by the interference of the military power of the government. The Indians had no dread of the settlers, nor A company of capitalists wants to were they at all dismayed by the threat to send state troops against them, but as soon as they learned that the United States had taken a hand in the matter they promptly dispersed and as rapidly as possible hastened back to their reservations. The potency of the national authority represented by a few hundred soldiers accomplished the desired result at once, and the threatened Indian a shot.

But while this trouble is ended the recurrence of trouble next year is to be bunting rights are secured to the Indians by treaty, and if these are in conflict with the laws of Wyoming for the preservation of game the responsibility tion. not fairly be blamed for demanding

only credentials the bogus commissions that in a conflict of interests between their plans in this direction. ers have are certificates signed by H. him and the whites, such as that in C. Russell, chairman pro tem. With Wyoming, the red man must in the long out even ascertaining in what manner run be the loser. All experience teaches Johnson county paid the railroad fare of

REVERSE THE POSITIONS.

The republicans of Nebraska have no espondence that has been interchanged between the populist governor and the republican attorney general and commissioner of public lands. Reverse the positions of these officers and their offiwould the respective parties stand?

Suppose that the governor of Nebraska were a republican and the attorney general and commissioner of public lands were populists. What would leveldressed to the republican governor letters that sought to impugn his motives same people upon her streets. and arraigned him as an anarchist because he had in his discretion made the suggestion that a disputed question that threatened the peace and good or der of the chief city of the state should be submitted to a supreme court composed of judges of their own party? Would not Churchill and Russell have been denounced from one end of the state to the other as wild-eyed pops and impudent intermeddlers with the functions and prerogatives of the executive Would not their blood and thunder gabble have been rebuked in every repuband utterly inexcusable under the conditions?

Reverse the positions and assume that a republican governor, well versed in the law, had after mature deliberation reached the conclusion that a law enacted by a populist legislature over his veto depriving him of his constitutional prerogatives and in manifest conflict with provisions of statutes that are not repealed should insist on a supreme court decision on its validity, what position would other state officers occupy who should berate him for standing on his rights?

Seven months ago Governor Holcomb in pursuance of his constitutional rights. nominated Dr. L. J. Abbott smerintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln. The nomination was confirmed by the state senate. Dr. Abbott was commissioned and qualified by filing bond and taking the oath of office. When Governor Holcomb personally appeared at the asylum to induct Dr. Abbott into the superintendency he met at the threshold the entire force of employes, drawn up in line and headed by Dr. Hay, the occupant of the place to which Dr. Abbott had been appointed. These men one and all de clared that they would not recognize the new appointee and would resist his attempt to take possession until his title had been passed on by the courts. Governor Holcomb might have resorted to force. He did not, however, but advised Dr. Abbott to apply to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to place him in possession and, in case of re fusal, to appeal to the courts.

What did Attorney General Churchill and Commissioner of Public Lands Russell do in this case? Did they stand up for the rightful claim of Abbott? Did they take steps to oust Dr. Hay as a usurper? Nothing of the kind. They advised him to hang on and resist the governor by force, if necessary. They passed on the vouchers signed by Hay and they continued to recognize him as superintendent until he was compelled to vacate by order of the supreme court. How does their record in the Hay case comport with their blood and thunder declamations in relation to the present police commissioners because the governor declines to join them in overhasty action by which members of a commission legally appointed should be supplanted by others claiming under a law of doubtful constitutionality?

NOT LIKELY TO BE SERIOUS.

The suggestion in a Washington dispatch that the claim of an American citizen against the Hawaiian govern ment for indemnity may lead to international complications will not create conditions that caused it remain and apprehension of any serious trouble bedemand attention. Similar disturbances tween the United States and the Pacific having occurred annually for years, a island republic. It appears that the person who makes this claim was imexpected unless there be a modification prisoned several weeks upon suspicion the Indians respecting hunting privi- the revolt against the Hawaiian government, and for this he wants damages would probably bankrupt the treasury in the wrong. It is admitted by the of Hawali if compelled to pay it at once. government authorities that certain Our government has taken notice of the matter, as it was bound to do, and has expressed the opinion that the claimant has a just cause for demanding repara-It is said, however, that the is not with the red men and they can- Hawaiian government intends not to pay a cent, and it is upon this that the their rights. The treaty obligations of danger of complications is assumed. the United States are superior to state But it is not at all probable that there law. The constitution declares that all will be anything of the sort. It is to In circulation is a good sign. It means treaties made under the authority of be expected that the government of the United States shall be the supreme Hawaii will denur and by diplomatic a demand for larger loans and that con- law of the land and the judges in methods will put off the payment as fidence has been so far restored that every state shall be bound thereby, long as possible, but if our government they can in a measure comply with neything in the constitution or laws family insists upon indemnity it will this demand. People do not want to of any state to the contrary not be paid, though it may be years before borrow of banks ordinarily unless they withstanding. This applies as well the claimant receives it. The history to treaties with Indians as with for of demands of this kind on the part eign nations. If therefore, the Ban- of our government does not encourage us yet.

DEFIANCE OF JUDICIAL AUTHORITY. | nocks and the other Indians involved | those in whose behalf they are made to The high-handed and lawless disre in the recent trouble have been advised expect a prount settlement. The Mora gard of court orders by the A. P. A. that they have hunting rights with claim is an example. Years ago this deprecated by all citizens who respect not properly interfere they are not to be paid agreed upon, but the claim-Judicial authority and look upon the blamable for acting upon this advice so ants are still waiting for their money courts as the bulwarks of individual long as they did so peaceably. But ob- while the Spanish government is apliberty and free listitutions. There viously this condition of affairs cannot parently seeking for some new excuse have been many heated contentions in be allowed to continue, involving, as it for still further delaying payment. Our this city within the past twenty-live does, the danger of periodical conflicts government will hardly be disposed to years in which the courts had to be of a more or less serious nature. The be more exacting toward the feeble reinvoked to protect the taxpayers and trouble just ended cost a number of public of Hawaii than it has been toproperty owners whose interests were lives and put the government to a con- ward Spain, so that all the Hawalan menaced by recreant public officials and siderable expense. There is no assur- government has to do is to find plausible ouncil combines. In all these years, ance that a like disturbance may not excuses or subterfuges in order to put however, there never was an instance luppen next year or sooner. In order off indefinitely the payment of this out of meat and must have it. when a city council has defiantly dis- to prevent the recurrence of such trouble claim for indemnity and there need be regarded a restraining order of a Judge it is manifestly necessary that the gov- no complications at all serious grow erament induce the Indians to agree out of it. Indeed, it is the policy of It remained for the council of 1895, to a modification of the treaty so far as Hawaii to avoid anything of this kind. dominated by an irresponsible oath relates to the hunting rights which are The men who are in power there well bound political junta, to override a man- the source of conflict. Probably no know that they cannot afford to do anydate of a court and to attempt to in- great difficulty would be found in ac- thing which would have the effect to stall into office a bogus police commis- complishing this, but at any rate the lessen their claims to the interest and sion without the credentials entitling effort should be made. It is to be desympathy of the American people, them to recognition. The statutes of sired that in this matter, as in all They are still hopeful of becoming a Nebraska require every civil officer to others, the Indians shall be fairly and part of this republic and they will avoid be commissioned by the governor. The justly dealt with, but it is inevitable everything that will militate against that dates back to the time that he hid in

> It is alleged that the authorities or an insane woman to Omaha and sent her here to be cared for by the people of Douglas county. The county comreason to feel proud of the official cor. missioners ought to make a thorough investigation of this case at any reason able cost. If the facts as related prove true the woman should be at once transported to Johnson county and a bill presented by Douglas county for her care cial and political relations, in what light and cost of transportation. If Johnson county denies the claim suit should be instituted. This is not an isolated case, The practice has become quite general. Even western lowa counties have been guilty of it. A test case should be made headed, reputable republicans think and so that it may come to be understood say if two populists should have ad- that. Omaha will not permit outside counties to unload their paupers and in-

> It is with the highest degree of satis faction that majority members of the ouncil assert that on and after the appointment and installation of the new and its appointees shall not receive a dollar in salaries. They express the belief that the moment Commissioners Brown and Deaver and the men appointed under them learn that no pay is to be voted them they will give in and capitulate. In other words, they say that these officers are holding onto lican paper as unwarranted, undignified their places only for the salaries drawn, They profess not to believe that these men are maintaining a right guaranteed them under the law, that their contention is one of principle and that the matter of loss of salary will not deter them from pursuing the course mapped

The street railway company will be able to satisfy everybody in the matter of lines to the state fair grounds. While the residents along Leavenworth street have worked hard for the location, the advocates of the Center street route have not been less active. The decision of the company to meet the demands of all parties must be a source of gratification to all parties concerned. The Leavenworth street line will also make Elmwood park accessible. In summer of course this will be some advantage to people who enjoy sequestered vale and who wish to avoid the crowd at Hanseom park.

Discredited Whiskers.

Probably the only way to head off thi man Brice is to pass an amendment to the constitution providing that no man with such whiskers is eligible to the presidency.

The Delusion Vanishes.

As business revives and prosperity re turns, people class to try to delude them-selves with the belief that there is anything sacred and indispensable in the ratio of 16 to 1, or that a large white dollar is more virtuous that a small and yellow one

One Deficit an Abundance

Secretary Carlisle says the present ministration has had more trying times than any other except those involved in a war. This is probably true, and the people never want to see another like it. One deficit of wer size during a time of peace is enough.

Rough on the Corpse.

As seen as Hop. William Jennings Bryan ecture platform and prove that Shakespeare didn't write Shapespeare, This determina not cause the friends of Shakespeare any immediate alarm.

A Beautiful Creation.

The prohibitory law is not enforced and cannot be enforced anywhere in Kansas. By obstinate blindness or lying hypocrisy people may suppose or say it is enforced. But hor est, sensible men and women know ver-well that where there is most show of strict enforcement there the drinking evil is working most deeply.

The consul sent by Mr. Cleveland to Cardiff, Wales, reports with great pleasure the fact that the new American tariff on tin plates has enabled manufacturers in Wales to increase wages from 10 to 22% per cent, and the consul adds that he hopes the increase "will continue for many years." He gives no thought, of course, to the reduction in wages on this side due to that tariff. British manufacturers make more money and pay better wages as a result of the democratic tariff. But what benefit the people of the United States gg: is not stated, because there is no benefit here.

The Hope of the Nation.

We are so rich and so blessed, we prople of this country; we have so much, and the facilities for geiting so much more that we are prone to make Jight of and undervalue and sneer and feer and jibe at our manifold mercles. It is not so very long ago that we were hearing some unseemly and deprecistive talk—God forgive us—about corn. There was too much of it, and it wasn't worth anything, and some facetious farmer was mine to trade a load of it for a dor. was going to trade a load of it for a dog and then kill the dog. But a poor corn season-a half crop sesson-and we heard no more of that, and now, on the contrary, are looking to the spreading corn field for our salvation, and we are right.

We must have variety in our agriculture of course, and raise other crops beside corn; but we should first make perfectly sure that in the section of country wherein we propose to thrust our plowshare we can raise corn because corn means all the rest, and with orn we can at a pinch do without the others. This season has such a promise of corn as has not been known in years before. That cans that this land of the brave and home the free will do to bet on. If any man has any money to invest in the United States. now is his time; he may now buy land or beeves, farms or city lots. The sign of the

LOCAL CAMPAIGN CHATTER.

Dick Smith hasn't had so much business on his hands since last winter, when he majority of the city council will be which the game laws of Wyoming can- was conceded by Spain and the amount bought a bouquet and threw it at himself in the senate.

> James Allan has returned from his trip to the Sheridan country. He got a hunch that Pete Schwenk was trying to break into the Eighth ward preserve, and hurried home to protect his interests. Schwenk is just hog enough to want to run for the council and Lien couldn't stand that. He's been turned down for everything else he wanted and his campaign for the councilmanic nomination is an instance of a ground hog case-he's

Colonel Dixon of Chicago has offered to furnish Johnny Thompson 5,000 Americans, armed to the teeth, to carry out the dervish program in Omaha. Johnny Thompson, to whom the message was addressed, promptly replied that there was no need for importing soldiers from Chicago, as Colonel Redfield of Omaha was already on the ground with a force of true men whom he had organized to repel a foreign invasion. Colonel Redfield is a host in himself and has a record the weeds several weeks to keep from shedding the gore of a man named Smith, who was out for his scalp. Colonel Dixon's kind offer is appreciated, all the same,

Ike Hascall made a speech at the Young Men's Republican club Wednesday night. He had just had his teeth freshly plugged with zinc, warranted fireproof, and told the story all over again from start to finish.

Fred Sackett is lying low in the present fight. He is reported to be using his influcace to secure the nomination of Colone' Akin for clerk of the courts. Fred's friends. Hubbard and Pyburn, haven't decided yet whom they will help. They are walting to

The colored members of the howling dervishes have had a meeting. They have decided to demand that Dr. Ricketts be nominated by the republicans for caroner. If this is not done the entire strength of the colored A. P. A. vote will be thrown against the republican ticket. Colored men in Omaha who do not belong to the dervish combine are also anxious to see Dr. Rickettnominated for coroner, but they have another reason for wishing it. They will be satisfied if a passably good man is nominated police commissioners the present board against Ricketts on any ticket. They promise to do the rest.

> Broatch spent part of an afternoon the ther day in conference with one of the boxgamblers of the city and Vandervoort worked the same side of the street yesterday. Paul and Broatch used to work ministerial meetings, but that was in the days when they wanted the votes of the people instead of 'inflorence." Paul's epistle to the preachers has become a classic in local history.

Prof. W. H. Allen is being groomed for uperintendent of the Omaha schools. Allen's qualifications are unquestioned. He has beonged to the gang for years and they all know him. He attends dervish council 125 with Colonel Akin, Israel Frank, Prof. Sam-Macleod, Jonathan Edawards, Henry Knodell and several other members of the Board of Education, and ought to have no trouble in getting their support.

C. Ranter Scott may not have enjoyed it. but it happened just the same. A number of dervishes were invited to a little social func tion the other night and met some respecta ble people. Colonel Redfield and his staff of dervishes consumed the first hour of the evening in offering applogies for having been present when Scott gave his obsecue speech before the South Side Republican club.

George Stryker hasn't been on the streets for two days. He is reported to be holdng himself in readiness to march the purpo to a union with Colonel Redfield's South Siders at the first call for men to carry the dervish banner to victory.

Uncle Hiram Savage says that if his roll ing stock wasn't more or less out of repair no'd settle the problem by accepting the chieftaincy of the police force himself. It's hard to keep a good man down.

Phil Winters has endorsed Churchill and Russell as brave men, good republicans and patriots. Phil has been endersed himself by Pyburn, Shoup, Scott & Co., and that ought to be enough to satisfy any reasonable man.

Until a few days ago John Grant was considered one of the possible winners for a place in the race for place on the Fire and fleet. Their places will be taken by thirty Police commission. Grant, however, now admits that he has been distanced and that before the start. In order to be in the field among the first, Grant went out among the business men of the city and soon secured a petition signed by 300 of the heaviest property owners in the city. He felt that if a petition counted he was as good as appointed. Ignoring the dervishes. Graat sent this petition, together with his application to Church th and Russell, where it remains, never having been considered. Fiaving abandoned at hope, yesterday Mr. Grant sent word to these two men, telling them that judging from recent developments all the qualification that was necessary for office was to be able to declare war on Rosewater or rant up and down the street as a howling dervish.

Charley Potter has been carrying a revolver for several years to protect himself from a foreign foe. He has made application for a place on Colonel Redfield's staff.

Israel Frank is being badly overworked. On top of the muddle over the selection of a superintendent of schools comes the selection of a new fire and police board. Israel says that if the boys don't quit piling work on him in that way he'll throw the whole business over some of these days and go back to his job of inspecting meat for the city.

THIRD-TERM TALK.

Chicago Record: The latest and most in genious explanation of Cleveland's attitude concerning a third term is that he desires the privilege of refusing it. Chicago Tribune: That would be a very

interesting story to the effect that Mr. Cleve-land's "sole ambition is to go down in history as the only man who refused the presidency a third time," but for the two trifling circumstances that it isn't true and that biographie d George Washington are not out of print. Springfield (Mass.) Republican: How far

is it wise and best to cultivate the idea the the future of the United States, like that the comparatively undeveloped republic Mexico, rests upon the presence in office any man? Diaz seems absolutely essential to the progress of our sister republic. Ar-we in any true sense equally dependent for our stability and sound progress upon the re-election of President Cleveland?

eriously, and leaving tradition and sentiment out of the account, only one contingency can be named which would give the faintest chance to get Cleveland a nomination next year-the reappearance of the silver issue in an acute phase. If the silver issue were to come up in the portentious shape which it assumed, say, in 1892 and 1894, the third term motion might become a practical ques-Everybody knows Cteveland could not be either coaxed or buildozed into giving any quarter under any circumstances to the silver villainy. Everybody is not quite so ce tain that the other sound money men, reput licans and democrats, mentioned in connec tion with the candidacy would be inflexible. This has been the secret of Cleveland's time is the big, fourisca-foot cornstalk, with This has been the secret of Cleveland's ears to match. That sign has never falled strength with the conservative classes of the

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

of Commons is assured, there is a revival of jingoism in the press and from the platform. The foreign papers are all alert to the situation. The French papers are assiduously advocating the use of the Franco-Russian alliance to drive Great Britian out of Egypt and to meet her intrigues with the Porte. The Italian papers say that the change of government here will result in a revival of the Salisbury-Crispi understanding, while the Berlin and Vienna journals hall restoration of a conservative policy, declaring that it is almost tantamount to the incorporation of Great Britain in the triple alliance. The Globe advocates the boldest attack by Great Britain on France at every point where their interest may come into sollision. France the Globe says, must be made to understand that there is no hope of the evacuation of Egypt until Great Britain deems the time fitting. It adds that the ridiculous claims France to an extension of her sphere of a fluence in the Soudan must be met by

Buence in the Soudan must be met by a British advance from Uganda and from Egypt simultaneously. The mahdi should be suppressed by a campaign from Egypt, and Great Britain should hold sway from the Upper Nile to Alexandria. Slam, it declares, is ripe for a British protectorate. Continuing it says that Russix cannot be permitted to acquire Port Lazareff; but if she does acquire that place Great British must receive a suitable return. Britain must receive a suitable return. These musts and must note fairly represent the ideas entertained by the conservatives, and it will be seen that if the government makes an attempt to carry them to their logical conclusion there will be sorry times, diplomatically, at least. If Russian officers are actually found to be

eading the Macedonian insurgents, the day is not far distant at which war will break out in the Balkan Peninsula. A disturbed condition in the different Turkish provinces is so much to the interest of Russia that any chance disturbance is sure to be attributed to Russian agents. The Russian secret service is always spending some money is keeping up friendly relations with possibl Turkish insurgents and in caring for of friends in past risings; but Russian officer on leave would not be in Macedonia excepinder orders. Their presence would be th first official open sign given by Russia that the time had once more come for active operations. Nor would these be undertaken unless Bulgaria was felt to be likely to pass under Russian influence, for Bulgaria is more certain than any of the other small ountries in the Balkan Peninsula to prefit by a Macedonian insurrection. If the report in regard to Russian officers is confirmed, therefore, it settles the policy and action of one of the actors in the great international drama in the east. The other three, Germany Austria and England, are in more doubt, but not in much. It is tolerably certain that all these would act to prevent a Russian Bulgaria from adding to its territory in Exactly when and how they would act is another and different For the present the open signs of the moving tide tends toward Russia. A European diplomatist is reported as

saying that in reality Macedonia is merely a geographical term. Practically Macedonia and the so-called Macedonians do not exist. Three of our Turkish vilryets, peopled by a conglomeration of Bulgarians, Servians, Greeks, Albanians, Kutzo-Wallachians, and other semi-civilized tribes, claim certain rights in connection with the territory they deupy, and this territory is known as Macedonia. As those nomadic tribes, which in the seventh century, under the Tear Simon, emigrated to Bulgaria, gradually developed strength and increased in numbers, they annexed that region which today is known as Macedonia. They likewise spread toward Servia, and for a time occupied Belgrade itself. Even today there are two villages in the neighborhood of the Servian capital the population of which speaks the Servian language with an accent unmistakably showing its Bulgarian origin. In like manner the Servians, under the leadership of their Tsar Dushan directed their attacks not only against Byzantium, but also against Bulgaria, and invaded the territors which nowadays is termed Macedonia. It is worthy of note as bearing out the accuracy campaign against Byzantium the Tear Duof Servia died in Sofia, the preser capital of Bulgaria. The modern Greeks in abit the provinces of Epirus and Thessaly and various districts in the north but th ountry also is populated by about 1,500,000 Albanians, who undoubtedly are the oldest the direct descendants of the ancien They, perhaps, have the valid rights to the provinces now under Greek rule, and apparently they have no intentio of renouncing their preregatives. The French minister of marine, in

statement as to the present condition of the navy, to be annexed to his budget of 1896, points out the modifications made in the navy since 1891, when M. Barbey, the minister of marine, made a similar state ment. In 1891 the active naval forces of France necessitated an expenditure of 41, 595,000 france, or 17.9 per cent of the entire budget. For 1896 the expenditure amount to 52,221,156 francs, or 21.4 per cent of the whole budget. From 1891 to 1896 fifty-seven vessels have disappeared from the list of the one ships already finished and twenty-never now in course of construction. The fifty seven vessels which have disappeared cos 94.791.000 francs, the fifty-eight which take their places will have cost 552.453,000 francs The average value of the new ships is 9.525, 0 francs, while that of those which have disappeared was 1,663,000 francs. In shipbeing built preference is given to smaller caliber or armament, in order to ob tain guns more easily worked and capable of firing with greater rapidity. The use of shells leaded with new explosives has been extended from the heavy to the medius libers. The figures show that the policy building fewer, but larger, more eastly and more powerful ships still prevails, in spite of the frequent talk about the folly of putting so many eggs into one basket. The new election law in Belgium has prac-

ically wiped out the liberal party and in creased the number of socialist representatives, but its main effect has been to give the clericals in Parliament an overwhelming majority. Under this law one vote is given every man of the age of 25 who is not otherwise disqualified; a second vote is given to married men and widowers with children who possess certain moderate property qual ifications; to those who possess specified edu cational certificates or who belong to professions which guarantee that their educa-tion has reached a certain standard a third vote is given in some cases, but never mor-than three. The effect of the law has no been what was expected. It unites the mod rate liberals and the clericals in one camp and the radicals and socialists in another and is altogether fruitful of political discon-tents and disorders. An innovation so radical could hardly have been adopted withou important consequences following it, but the ones expected did not come, and others did of such sort as to make it somewhat probable that the law will be speedily repealed. Preparations have been completed to place

68,000 Russian troops on the frontiers of Manchuria and Corea, and to send 12,000 more to Viadivostok in transports. The wes Siberian and Turkestan division will be read; within a month to operate on the Chinese frontier, and the Russian warships in Asinth waters have received their coats of sea-green war paint. On the other hand, the Japanese fleet has received an overhauling to repair th strain and damage of war; the Japanese tro returning from Liao Tung are said to be held Globe-Democrat: Looking at the matter in readiness for transportation to Corea a a moment's notice, and it is rumored in

Shanghal that an additional indemnity of 75,000,000 tacls will be demanded from China Since a conservative majority in the House in consideration of the evacuation of Port Arthur by the Japanese. These ominous reports do not agree with the pacific tone adopted by Russian and Japanese officials, but where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. Possibly the torch of war may be relighted in the far east somer than anybody had expected.

HARRISON ON THE PLAG.

New York Sun: Like nearly all of General Harrison's occasional addresses, his little speech at Old Forge on Salurday about the American flag was in good taste, free from personal estentation, and full of homely, never platitudinous patriotism. He is a

Indianapolis Journal: General Barrison is not making many addresses now, and the topic of Saturday's remarks may be called nackneyed one, nevertheless he showed tout he has not lost his skill and that he could say something original at a flag raising. In a single sentence he gave the reason why the South and Central American republies are so constantly in turmoil-"they have not given their allegiance to invittais a world of meaning in those words,

HOT POINTERS.

Atlanta Constitution: "Jenes is always growlin" at the world." "Yes; made before he was born; an' he didn't have a chance

Washington Star: "Nature," said Uncle klben, "doan" nobler bestow all her gir's on one indivitile. De lightnin bug ain't got no stinger, an' de skeeter ain't got no lamp."

Chicago Record: Wosliv Wester-Blama me if I ain't seen feders yere gain two pounds in wester a five minutes. Consumptive-What, tlesh? Woolly Wester-Naw, lend.

Truth: Mrs. Smythe-There's our Johnnie, now, without a single thing to do: the devil will surely find work for his tile hands! Smythe-Don't you worry. Even the devil couldn't get a hustle on that boy.

Chicago Tribune: "You are about to be promoted," said the leader of the band of regulators, adjusting the fatal noise. "I see I am right in line," cheerfully replical the condemned horse thich standing on the barrel.

Indianapolis Journal: Figg. Have I ever old you the story about what my little boy and when he saw his auni on a bloycle for the first time? the first time?

Hriggs No, old man, you hever have. And I wish to say to you that I fully appreciate your forbearance.

Puck: 'I never heard of such tyranny!' exclaimed the South American patriot. 'I won't submit to it a moment longer. I will resist to the last-" "Whom will you resist?" sharply inquired his wife, who had caught only the last few words, "Oh, not you, my dear! I was only talk-ing about the government."

Chicago Timer-Herald; Mr. Horr (stage voice)—Got enough, you silver-hued viper?
Mr. Harvey (ditto)—Yes, you polluted panderer to plutocracy. Have you?
Mr. Horr—Plenty.
Both (aside)—Then let's go out and get a drink, old man.

Minneapolis Journal: They were from Omaha at Long firsheh, She was deeply awel at the vast stretch of rolling waters, and exclaimed:
"Is this really the sea?"
"Great thunder," he exclaimed, in disgust, "do you suppose they would go and hull a \$1,800,000 hotel side of a prairie slough?"

Chicago Post: "I wouldn't wear bloomers for anything," said the thin girl, "Neither would I-if I were you," replied And that's why they do not speak now, TERRITATING

Washington Star. It is, we know, by means of woe
That human beings wiser grow;
But hard it is to realize
That grief's a blessing in disguise,
When friends excluding in sweet surprise;
"We told you so! We told you so!"

BICYCLE SONG.

Will Carleton Oh. Bessle has bought her a bonnef of red. And started afoot for the ball; And started afoot for the ball; She never was minding a word that I said, Or looking about for my call. Quit mourning, quit mourning, good mother, 1 say; She, maybe, will linger to talk on the way; I'll follow the truant as well as I may. And catch her, whatever befall.

Oh, Bessie has bought her a bonnet of

d started to ride to the ball; taken the speedlest horse that she knew,
The swiftest that stood in the stall. Quit mourning, good mother, it might have been worse, many a mount that is better than There's

ow her closely with saddle and purse, And eatch her, whatever befall Oh, Bessie has bought her a coat and a

And started to wheel to the ball,
With only a bit of skirt for a lap,
And bloomers distressingly small!
Keep mourning, good mother; your subbings

repeat;
For whether her going be tardy or fleet,
I never should know her, if her I should

We're lucky to catch her at all!

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